

Section 1.3c: Complex Sentence Practice

Write your answers on this worksheet or in a word processor (such as MS Word, OpenOffice.org, MS WordPad, etc.), then copy them to the corresponding numbered questions in the quiz.

The third sentence type is called the **complex sentence**. A complex sentence contains one independent and one dependent clause. Dependent clauses can be located in the front, back, or middle of the independent clause. Remember that dependent clauses start with one of these dependent modifiers:

- after
- although
- as
- as if
- because
- before
- even if
- even though
- if
- in order to
- since
- though
- unless
- until
- whatever
- when
- whenever
- whether
- while

Dependent Clause in Front

For each question, write a dependent clause in the space provided to create a complex sentence. When you write your complex sentence, make sure you properly punctuate it.

	Dependent Clause	Plus	Independent Clause	Equals	Complex Sentence
1.		+	I like going to the mall	=	
2.		+	I hate going to the mall	=	

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Dependent Clause in Back

Write a dependent clause at the end of the sentence to create a complex sentence. When you write your complex sentence, make sure you properly punctuate it.

	Independent Clause	Plus	Dependent Clause	Equals	Complex Sentence
3.	My mom won't let me drive to school	+		=	
4.	My dad lets me drive to school	+		=	

Dependent Clause in the Middle

Write a dependent clause in the middle to create a complex sentence. When you write your complex sentence, make sure you properly punctuate it.

	Independent Clause	Divided by	Dependent Clause that is Nonessential	Equals	Complex Sentence
5.	My friend Eve is adopted	/		=	
6.	My brother does not like to shower	/		=	